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To: Field Office Managers, Monument Managers, and State Office Resource staff

From: State Director

Subject: Development of an Air Quality Strategy for BLM in Arizona

The impacts of localized management actions on air quality are likely to be felt in less time and over a wider area than on any other resource. In recent months the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency and other environmental groups and agencies have become concerned about federal agency compliance with federal air quality regulations (such as the Clean Air Act and its Amendments). Air quality issues are increasingly tied to environmental planning at every level. In response BLM is developing a comprehensive air management strategy that will establish a more efficient and effective air quality program. Field office involvement in air quality impact analysis will be a key feature of the strategy. A needs assessment to identify statewide BLM air quality issues, and available expertise to address them is an essential step in preparation of an effective strategy.

The needs assessment is hot linked via

<http://lmtc2.tc.blm.gov/FieldOff.nsf?OpenDatabase> **for the Field Office version and**
<http://lmtc2.tc.blm.gov/AirQuali.nsf?OpenDatabase> **for the State Office version.**

However, an electronic version of this assessment is being sent simultaneously through email for ease of completely the assessment. Current access to the above mentioned http sites is not available – please use the electronic email version with hot links of the assessment sent January 30, 2002. (Note: the delivery of this email was delayed in order to confirm that no apparent violations to the Cobell v.

Norton litigation exist.)

This assessment is intended to be completed by State Office Resource staff, Field managers, Monument managers, and their respective staff that deal with soil, water, air, or fire issues. Field Office managers should assure that all program leads and their staff have an opportunity to complete the assessment. The assessment will provide a basis for recommendations that will help BLM anticipate and address air quality issues associated with current and future management activities. Assessments should be completed (automatically submitted when finished) no later than February 15, 2002.

Jeff Schmidt, a community assistance coordinator with the Natural Resources Conservation Service has been temporarily assigned to BLM in the State Office to help produce this strategy, needs assessment, and recommendations. He has designed the needs assessment to be comprehensive, but easy to complete. Please call him at 602-417-9324 or email him at jeff_schmidt@blm.gov if you or your staff have any questions on the assessment, or the air quality management strategy. We appreciate your participation in the assessment, and look forward to supporting your air quality planning and management.

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